

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1484

January 21, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Abolishes Part I and Part V of the Circuit Court of the Thirtieth Judicial District.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – \$557,900/Recurring

Decrease Local Expenditures – \$199,400/Recurring

Assumptions:

- The bill would reduce the number of circuit court judges in the thirtieth judicial district by two. According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), a judge's salary is \$165,204. The salary and benefits for a judge are \$218,634.89 [$\$165,204 \text{ salary} + (\$165,204 \times .2287) \text{ benefits} + (\$117,000 \times .062) \text{ social security} + (\$165,204 \times .0145) \text{ medicare} + \$5,999.28 \text{ insurance}$]. The total for two judges would be \$437,270 ($\$218,634.89 \times 2 \text{ judges}$).
- According to the AOC, a judge requires \$12,600 in yearly costs, which include travel (\$3,600), communications (\$2,400), book/online services (\$3,000), printing (\$600), and supplies (\$3,000). The total for two judges is \$25,200 ($\$12,600 \times 2 \text{ judges}$).
- Each judge has a legal secretary who receives a salary of \$34,000. The salary and benefits for a legal secretary are \$47,710.48 [$\$34,000 + (\$34,000 \times .1503) \text{ benefits} + (\$34,000 \times .0765) \text{ FICA} + \$5,999.28 \text{ insurance}$]. The total for two secretaries is \$95,421 ($\$47,710.48 \times 2 \text{ secretaries}$).
- The total decrease in state expenditures would be \$557,891 ($\$437,270 + \$25,200 + \$95,421$).
- According to the Shelby County Mayor's Office, the bill would result in a reduction of two court clerk positions and two bailiff positions.
- Eliminating two court clerk positions would save Shelby County \$99,400 recurring. Eliminating two bailiff positions would save Shelby County \$100,000 recurring.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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